

Excerpt from Army-McCarthy Hearings - 17 June 1954 P.M.

SENATOR DWORSHAK: Senators, we here complete these hearings. We realize that there are varied results concerning the charges and counter-charges. I think that the people may be aroused emotionally over this hearing, but I am sure that they are more concerned about the future activities to eliminate all subversives from the Federal Government. And so at that point, I ask you what your plans are for continuing your crusade on behalf of this committee and to what extent you expect to cooperate with the Department of the Army and the various agencies and bureaus in the Executive Branch of the Government. I think that it is very vital to know this at this time in behalf of the millions of Americans who have listened to these hearings and observed the proceedings over television and to have an expression from you as to what your future planning is.

SENATOR McCARTHY: Senator Dworshak, I think that that is certainly an excellent question to ask as we close these hearings. I will try to answer it as best I can. There are a number of hearings now pending, but may I say that I have promised Mrs. McCarthy that I will take off about 3 days and do nothing except relax after these hearings. I think perhaps one of the hearings that could first be held and I hope that we can start that immediately are the hearings of which Senator Potter is Chairman. Hearings having to do with American prisoners still being held in Communist prison camps. Number 2: I think one of the extremely important hearings we should go into is the exposure of Communists in defense plants, men who handle top secret material. Number 3: I hope that I can get this committee, and I don't want to start an argument on that now -- I hope I can get this investigating committee to agree with me that we should call the members of that old loyalty board who have been disbanded by Bob Stevens, a very wise action on his part I think, and find out what they are doing. Are they handling similar top secret and other material -- and I think the American people should know why over the past 5, 6, 8 or 10 years they were sending people with clear cut Communist records into our secret plants. Another matter I think is the Peress case. I would like to know the names of the people who gave special consideration to a man who was a graduate of a Communist leadership school. We have one other hearing, Senator, which I believe is being now handled by the Capehart Committee that had to do with the alleged graft, corruption and fraud in some Alaskan projects. There is the very important question of whether or not we can go into the alleged Communist infiltration of CIA, what authority, what power we have there. Also the question of what if anything we should do in regard to alleged Communist infiltration of the atomic and hydrogen bomb plants, and may I say in that connection while Senator Symington and I have differed on many things, I thought ~~he~~ he made an excellent suggestion when that matter came up. He

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suggested that I take up that matter with the White House to determine whether or not they would give us full cooperation, whether or not they felt this would endanger national security because of the many subjects we could not discuss. That was done and I was convinced at that time that it would not be in the national interest to go into the matter of atomic and hydrogen bomb plants. There are many other subjects that we have pending but I think I have hit the high points of the things that should be investigated.